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SUBJECT: CAPE VERDE ACTION PLAN

REF: STATE 140012

1. REFTEL STRIKES THE CORRECT POSITIVE TONE COMMENSURATE WITH GOOD HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION NOW EXISTING IN CAPE VERDE. PARA 4 SHOULD BE UPDATED TO REFLECT FACT UPWARDS OF 40 PEOPLE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ARRESTED IN SAO VICENTE AND SANTO ANTAO FOR DISTRIBUTING ANTI-PAIGC PAMPHLETS AND ATTEMPTING TO PROMOTE ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY AMONG SAO VICENTE'S WORKERS. SOME PORTUGUESE CITIZENS INVOLVED IN THE ANTI-PAIGC ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN EXPELLED. DETAINEES HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED A PUBLIC TRIAL WITH RIGHT TO DEFENSE COUNSEL.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS ARE ALSO GENERALLY APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE BUT IN VIEW INTERNAL POLITICAL DYNAMICS WE WOULD NOT WANT TO PRESS THOSE ELEMENTS OF GOCV FRIENDLY TO US TOO HARD AT THIS TIME ON SUBJECTS OF SUCH CONTROVERSY WITHIN THE PAIGC AS PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLITICAL EXPRESSION. WE MIGHT ALSO FIND IT SOMEWHAT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO STRESS POSSIBLE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE EVENT OF A DETERIORATION IN HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS. INSTEAD, EMPHASIZING THAT OUR CURRENT FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON

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AID IS A RESULT OF THE GENERALLY GOOD HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS PREVAILING WOULD GET THE SAME POINT ACROSS WITHOUT POSSIBLE NEGATIVE OVERREACTION TO THE IMPLIED THREAT.

3. IN LIGHT OF PARA 2 ABOVE PARA B2 REFTEL MIGHT ALSO REQUIRE SLIGHT MODIFICATION.

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